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# MINUTES AND REPORT OF MEETING OF COUNCIL OF

## THE CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

held at Yarra Room, Olympic Park, Swan Street, Melbourne,  
on Tuesday, August 18, 1981, commencing at 5.30 p.m.

### 1. PRESENT

Mr. J.N. Black	Chairman
Mr. A. Gill	
Mr. B.H. Macintosh	
Mr. A. Plant	
Mr. M. Rundle	
Mr. G.J. Simm	
Mr. O.J. Slattery	
Mr. B. Greer	Adviser, Community Employment Co-operatives
Mr. W.W. Rawlinson	Executive Officer

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. Dash,  
Mr. E.J. Long.

### 2. WELCOME

The Chairman congratulated the former Councillors on their  
re-election for a further term, and in particular extended  
a welcome to the Council to Mr. Geoff Simm, newly elected  
at the immediately preceding Annual General Meeting.

### 3. MINUTES

Typing errors in the Minutes of the meeting held July 20,  
1981 were noted for correction. These were :

P.3, Item 10(i) last line: Delete "re" and substitute "in".

P.4, Item 10(ii) first line: Delete "defined" and substitute  
"deferred".

Apart from the above corrections, the Minutes were confirmed  
as a correct record of the meeting held July 20, 1981.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- 4(i) From Australian Bureau of Statistics.  
Information from 1978/79 Producer and  
Consumer Co-operative Societies collection  
to be published in 1981 Victoria Year Book.
- 4(ii) From Federal Treasurer  
re possible issue of a one dollar coin.

5. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following Co-operatives were admitted into membership  
of the Federation, subject to the agreed group fee at the  
rate of the 1981/82 fee structure being paid by the  
Herd Improvement Organisation of Victoria :

Central Gippsland Herd Improvement Co-operative Society Limited	Foster Street, Maffra 3860.
Cobden Artificial Breeders' Co-operative Limited	P.O. Box 27, Cobden 3266.
Colac Artificial Breeders' Co-operative Limited	38 Clark Street, Colac 3250.
Colac Herd Testing Co-operative Limited	38 Clark Street, Colac 3250.
Goulburn Valley Herd Improvement Co-operative Limited	P.O. Box 403, Kyabram 3620.
Mitta & Kiewa Valleys Artificial Breeders Co-operative Limited	P.O. Box 19, Tallangatta 3700.
Northern Herd Development Co-operative Limited	P.O. Box 293, Cohuna 3568.
Numurkah/East Goulburn Herd Improvement Co-operative Limited	P.O. Box 102, Numurkah 3636.
Orbost Artificial Breeders' Co-operative Limited	P.O. Box 120, Orbost 3888.
Rochester Herd Improvement Co-operative Limited	P.O. Box 60, Rochester 3561.
South Gippsland Artificial Breeders' Co-operative Limited	P.O. Box 229, Leongatha 3953.
Timboon Herd Improvement Co-operative Limited	P.O. Box 56, Timboon 3268.
Toora & District Artificial Breeders' Co-operative Limited	P.O. Box 19, Toora 3962.

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Upper Murray Artificial Breeders' Co-operative Limited	P.O. Box 91, Corryong	3707.
West Gippsland Herd Improvement Co-operative Limited	P.O. Box 152, Warragul	3820.
Western Herd Improvement Co-operative Society Limited	P.O. Box 562, Warrnambool	3280.
Yinnar Artificial Breeders' Co-operative Society Limited	P.O. Box 453, Morwell	3840.

## 6. FINANCIAL

- 6(i) Unfinancial Member.  
The outstanding fee due by Transnational Hauliers Co-operative Ltd. for financial year ending June 30 1981 has been paid.
- 6(ii) Audit Report.  
The audited accounts and audit report for the year ended June 30 1981 were presented and received. Council noted that there was no change to the itemised accounts submitted to the July meeting prior to audit. A copy is attached to the file copy of these Minutes.

6(iii) Budget 1981/82.  
After consideration of the draft budget, Council agreed:

- (a) That an application be made to the Co-operative Advisory Council for an increase in its annual grant to \$5,000 in view of the increased services of the Federation to a larger number of Co-operatives and the effects of inflation on costs.
- (b) That in acknowledging the balance of \$29,500 making up a grant of \$36,000, for the operations of the Adviser, Community Employment Co-operatives from the Ministry of Employment and Training, attention be drawn to the shortfall between the agreed expenditure budget and the grant.

6(iv) Subscriptions 1981/82.  
After due deliberation Council agreed :

(a) the basis of assessment of affiliation fees for members continue to be turnover;

(b) the rates be increased by 10 per cent rounded off as per the table attached as Appendix A;

(c) consideration will be given to admittance of new members at rates below the approved scale on the recommendation of the Executive Officer, but such concession will be subject to review after twelve months.

## 7. ELECTIONS

Following the election of the total Council at the immediately preceding Annual General Meeting, the Chairman declared all offices vacant. He extended his appreciation to the former Council and officers for the valuable support and input to policy making and activities of the Federation in the past year.

After due process of election, the following Councillors were declared to hold the following offices :

Chairman	Mr. J.N. Black
Vice Chairman	Mr. O.J. Slattery
Secretary	Executive Officer, Mr. W.W. Rawlinson
Honorary Treasurer	Mr. J.F. Rigby
Representatives to Council	
Co-operative Federation of Australia	Messrs. Black and Macintosh

It was agreed Messrs. Slattery and Long be invited to act as alternate representatives to the C.F.A.

## 8. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Council agreed the venue, date, programme and arrangements to have been acceptable as indicated by the good attendance and involvement of members. However when planning future annual conferences, consideration might be given to avoiding the third Tuesday in August, the day of announcement of the Federal Budget, which detracts from publicity and availability of some possible speakers.

## 9. REPORTS

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#### Advisory Council.

Mr. Long, in tendering his apology for absence, indicated no meeting of the Advisory Council had been held since the last meeting of this Council.

### 9(ii)

#### Community Employment Co-operatives.

Mr. Greer reported his first priority for action is a detailed study of the six Employment Co-operatives operating with Government grants from the Co-operative Development Programme. Of those, two whose funding is due to finish in September 1981, are currently the subject of assessment. Enquiries from a further four groups of potential Employment Co-operatives are currently under study.



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Executive Officer.

- (a) Mr. Rawlinson arranged and lead a deputation from the Employment Co-operative group to meet with the Opposition as a briefing and familiarisation exercise.
- (b) At the request of the Fabian Society, he has prepared a paper on 'Development of Worker Co-operatives'.
- (c) He visited Co-operatives in Rochester, Cohuna, Murrabit, Swan Hill, Robinvale, Mildura, Irymple, Hopetoun and Bendigo.
- (d) He attended a meeting in Geelong of community leaders associated with Local Government, Community Welfare, Education, Trade Unions, Gordon Technical College as a resource person on discussions related to formation of an Employment Co-operative.
- (e) He reported on discussions held with the Federal Government Department of Employment and Youth Affairs, and the employment by the Federation of a Man Power Development Executive. Such officers are now required to be engaged by an Industry Training Committee to enable financial assistance of up to 80 per cent of the first \$37,000 of related costs to be made available by the Federal Government. An I.T.C. is required to comprise representation from the Federation, Trade Unions and the Federal Government.

Council AGREED:

- A. A study be made of the requirements to participate in the scheme and composition and operation of a relevant Industry Training Committee.
- B. A Committee comprising Messrs. Black, Rundle, Slattery, Greer and Rawlinson meet at 3 p.m. on September 10 in the Federation to prepare recommendations for consideration at next Council meeting.
- (f) Mr. Rawlinson advised Council that duties associated with the Co-operative Federation of Australia will require him to be out of the State on the following dates :
  - August 25 to August 29
  - September 26 to October 17
  - November 2 to November 24
  - December 5 to December 19



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Victorian Credit Co-operative Association.

Mr. Dash in tendering his apology for absence from the meeting reported that the Minister administering the Co-operative Act, Mr. Kennett, had addressed the Annual General Meeting of the VCCA on August 15. The Minister had indicated that Victorian Credit Unions will continue to be exempted from payment of stamp duties on cheques. He also said that whilst the Bill for a new Co-operative Act will be introduced into the Parliament in the opening weeks of the next session of Parliament, more amendments will be necessary in the wake of the passage of the new Uniform Companies Act.

He also advised that meeting that no decision had been reached on the final reallocation of the Co-operative Registry if it is transferred from the Ministry of Housing.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Melbourne Access Video and Media Co-operative production of TV programme on Co-operatives.  
Council AGREED :

(a) Open Channel to be asked to submit written proposal relating to programme content, viewing area and time, cost, future use of video material. This proposal then to be circulated to major members seeking financial support to enable a firm response to be given to Open Channel before September 30, 1981.

(b) A contribution to the project will be made from Federation funds. The extent of the contribution to be agreed at the September meeting.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council was scheduled for Monday, September 21, 1981 at 225 Swanston Street, Melbourne, commencing at 7 p.m.

12. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.10 p.m.

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